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Payroll Jobs Up for Fourth Consecutive Month, Unemployment Rate Stable in June

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) announced today that the unemployment rate remained at 5.1 percent in June, unchanged from May, and up +0.8 percentage point from the same month, one year ago, based on data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The revised May unemployment rate was 5.1 percent.

Total nonfarm payrolls saw a fourth consecutive over-the-month increase in June, up +1,500 (0.0%) to 6,164,400. The May monthly change in payrolls was revised from the preliminary report, from +6,000 to +4,100. The June payroll jobs estimate and unemployment rate reflect activity for the week including the 12th.

The industry sectors with the largest monthly payroll jobs increases included: Leisure and Hospitality (+3,000), Professional and Business Services (+2,300) and Private Education and Health Services (+1,600). The sectors with the largest over-the-month jobs decreases included: Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-4,100), Information (-1,800) and Financial Activities (-1,700).

Compared to a year ago, total nonfarm payroll jobs were up +9,200 jobs. The industry groups with the largest jobs increases included: Private Education and Health Services (+14,900), Construction (+10,700) and Leisure and Hospitality (+6,900). The industry groups with the largest jobs decreases included: Financial Activities (-13,100), Professional and Business Services (-9,500), and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-7,300). In June, total nonfarm payrolls were up +0.1% over-the-year in Illinois and up +0.3% in the nation.

"Illinois' labor market continues to demonstrate steady performance, marking our fourth consecutive month of payroll job growth while maintaining a stable unemployment rate," **said Deputy Governor Andy Manar**. "The continued long-term expansion in critical sectors like healthcare and infrastructure shows that our state investments are targeting the right areas. Amid unprecedented economic headwinds, we remain fully focused on growing our economy, supporting our world-class workforce and bolstering industries that provide good-paying jobs and opportunities for Illinoisans."

"Momentum continues to grow in Illinois as payroll jobs have increased for the fourth month in a row," **said DCEO Director Kristin Richards**. "Through the State's commitment to investing in Illinois' employees and employers, DCEO is actively providing resources and opportunities for Illinoisans to succeed."

The number of unemployed persons in June was 329,700, down -2.0% from May, and up +16.1% over the same month one year ago. The labor force was down -0.3% from May and down -0.9% over-the-year. The unemployment rate identifies those individuals who are out of work and seeking employment. An individual who exhausts or is ineligible for benefits is still reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work.

IDES helps connect jobseekers to employers who are hiring in a number of ways, including hosting and co-hosting job fairs and hiring events with statewide workforce partners, and through maintaining [Illinois JobLink](#) (IJL), the state's largest job search engine. IJL is a tool used by jobseekers to look for work, and by employers who can post open and available positions for hire and browse resumes. Recently, IJL showed 59,469 posted resumes with 64,925 jobs available. Additionally, in partnership with IDOL and DCEO, IDES published resources to [assist federal employees and contractors](#) impacted by recent terminations or deferred resignations.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	Jun-26	May-26	Jun-25	3-month Average	Over-the- Month Change	Over-the- Year Change
Illinois	5.1%	5.1%	4.3%	5.1%	0.0	0.8
U.S.	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%	4.3%	-0.1	0.1

Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Jobs – by Major Industry

	Jun-26 Current *	May-26 Prior month**	Jun-25 Year Ago	Over-the- Month	Over-the- Year	3-month Moving Avg	Change from Previous 3-month Moving Avg
IL - Total Nonfarm	6,164,400	6,162,900	6,155,200	1,500	9,200	6,162,000	5,600
IL - Mining	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	300	7,100	0
IL - Construction	250,500	249,100	239,800	1,400	10,700	249,200	1,300
IL - Manufacturing	571,000	571,300	569,000	-300	2,000	570,200	1,300
IL - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,213,100	1,217,200	1,220,400	-4,100	-7,300	1,214,900	1,500
IL - Information	87,600	89,400	90,000	-1,800	-2,400	88,500	-100
IL - Financial Activities	380,100	381,800	393,200	-1,700	-13,100	382,400	-2,400
IL - Professional and Business Services	899,900	897,600	909,400	2,300	-9,500	897,900	400
IL - Private Education and Health Services	1,037,900	1,036,300	1,023,000	1,600	14,900	1,038,900	-600
IL - Leisure and Hospitality	610,900	607,900	604,000	3,000	6,900	608,000	2,900
IL - Other Services	249,500	249,400	247,000	100	2,500	249,300	300
IL - Government	856,700	855,800	852,500	900	4,200	855,600	800
* Preliminary							
**Final							

- Monthly 2021-2025 seasonally adjusted labor force data for Illinois, and all other states, have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The monthly historical revisions to state labor force estimates reflect new national benchmark controls, state working-age population controls, outlier specifications, seasonal factors, as well as updated total nonfarm jobs and unemployment benefits claims inputs. Illinois labor force data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) and national benchmarking. For these reasons, the comments and tables citing unemployment rates in previous news releases/materials may no longer be valid.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg Metropolitan Division are available [here](#).
- Monthly 2021-2025 seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment data for Illinois have been revised. To control for potential survey error, the estimates are benchmarked annually to universal counts derived primarily from unemployment insurance tax reports.
- Not seasonally adjusted jobs data with industry detail are available [here](#). “Other Services” include activities in three broad categories: personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations. Seasonally adjusted data for subsectors within industries are not available.

About the Department of Employment Security

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) provides vital employment services to Illinois workers, jobseekers, and employers with resources including [Job Fairs](#), [IllinoisJobLink.com](#), and [Workshare IL](#), analyzes and disseminates actionable [Labor Market Information](#), and administers the [Unemployment Insurance Program](#). To see the full range of services provided by IDES, and for the latest news concerning the department, visit [IDES.Illinois.gov](#).

Disclaimer on statewide data: The data contained in the statewide press releases are seasonally adjusted, which eliminates seasonal fluctuations in monthly employment data. Many economic data series have seasonal patterns, which means they tend to occur at the same time each year. For example, construction employment declines in winter, tourism employment rises in summer, and retail employment peaks in January. Seasonal adjustment helps to describe the underlying economic trends in the monthly data. When data are seasonally adjusted, as are the data in this release, the seasonal adjustment permits comparisons of data from one month to the next (January 2026 data compared to December 2025 data).